HF Happenings

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13 Nov – PEARS HF DX Contest
19 and 20 Nov – SARL National Field Day
27 Nov – SARL Digital Contest

30 Nov – SARL 80 m Club Contest, CW
(Find the contest rules in the 2011 SARL Contest Manual)

PEARS HF DX Contest

The aim is to encourage amateurs to work DX. The contest period is the second Sunday in November - 13 November 2011, from 12:00 to 16:00 UTC (14:00 to 18:00 CAT). It is a phone only contest on 20 and 15 metres.

Participation can be as a Single operator (base station or field station) or Multi operator (base station or field station). You may use the maximum power permitted according to the regulations of the country you are operating from.

One point is earned per contact and a station may be contacted once on each band. A multiplier of two (2) if operating a field station and a multiplier of two (2) if using a non-gain antenna with reference to a dipole. In addition, a multiplier of the number of countries contacted. The exchange is the call sign and report (RS).

A certificate will be awarded to the winner in each category, provided that there are at least three entries in that category. Logs must be sent to PO Box 10402, Linton Grange, Port Elizabeth or emailed to contest@peham.co.za. The closing date for log submissions is 30 November 2011. Visit www.zs2pe.co.za for the complete rules. This contest replaces the December PEARS HF Contest.

Yasme: Honouring Amateur Radio Excellence

Every big project starts as a simple idea. That of Danny Weil took form by way of a boat, which he has been sailing around the world – a lot of the time in the Pacific Ocean. One day, thanks to a friend, a radio ended up on board – and what many DXpeditionners of today don't realize, is that in that very moment DXpeditioning in and of itself took a giant leap forward, reinforcing the

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effective bonds between the peoples of the earth inherent to the world of amateur radio.

The name of that boat was Yasme whose role has by no means gone unnoticed. Today, in the United States there is in fact a foundation with the same name, which looks to perpetuate this very same spirit. It does this in various ways, the most noted of which being the presenting of awards to those who, with their projects or initiatives, have demonstrated a spirit of excellence in the art of amateur radio. "Yasme" also offers the prospect of an "award" for QSOs with its representatives in special occasions, and actively supports radio projects in places where no amateur radio is present (or it is poorly spread), projects which may have socially redeeming value.
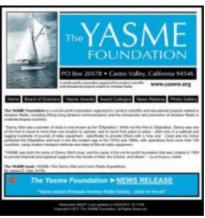
Convinced that such activities should find greater resonance, even for the efforts of those who should desire the implementation of the aforementioned, we have spoken with Wayne Mills, N7NG, current president of the Foundation.

We know Yasme owes its name to Danny Weil's boat. He was the one, together with Iris Colvin, who brought the DXpeditioning concept to a modern level in an era in which it was not easy at all. Can you please give us more details about the Foundation's birth?

Actually, I do not know too many details about the formation of the Yasme Foundation. I believe it was started in part by Dick Spenceley, KV4AA. Actually, Dick was responsible for getting Danny interested in Amateur Radio. Danny wanted to be the first British sailor to sail around the world alone. So, the trip offered an opportunity to activate many Pacific countries, if he could be convinced to carry a radio and put these places on the air. Danny is said to have had G7DW in the UK, but there is also some doubt if he was ever licensed at all. Dick wanted Danny to carry radio gear along on his trip and raised money to make this possible.

How many radio amateurs nowadays actively support Yasme's activities?

The Yasme Board of Directors are eight radio amateurs, as listed on the Web site www.yasme.org . We do not actively solicit funds, and we do not support DXpeditions.

Your foundation assigns Awards to radio amateurs distinguishing themselves for excellence. For 2011, they have gone, among others, to the developer of Winmor software, to the inventor of the Remote Radio Interface, as well as to the creator of the MTTY application. This leads me to two different questions. First, how do you judge the growth of our hobby in the coming years? Can you imagine a radio shack without a personal computer? Is that unthinkable?

November

5 - **RaDAR Contest**
5 to 7 - ARRL CW Sweepstakes Contest
6 - DARC 10-Metre Digital Contest
11 – Armistice Day
12 to 13 - WAE DX RTTY Contest
13 - Remembrance Sunday
13 – PEARS HF DX Contest
18 to 20 – Cherry Festival, Ficksburg
19 to 20 - **SARL National Field Day**; ARRL SSB Sweepstakes Contest
26 to 27 - CQ WW DX CW Contest
27 - **SARL Digital Contest**
30 - **SARL 80 m Club Contest, CW**

December

2 to 4 - ARRL 160 metre contest
4 – ZS4 HF Contest
10 to 11 - ARRL 10 metre contest
18 - Stew Perry Top Band Challenge
26 - DARC Christmas Contest
31 - end of 2011 CQ DX Marathon

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There is no set of rules or even guidelines for make the Excellence awards. We use our own experience, and some (unsolicited) input from others to identify deserving people. We usually avoid honouring radio amateurs, who have made contributions through commercial activities.

In general terms, is it not hard to select individuals of "excellence" each year? And should this also tell us something about the current state of ham radio?

We have found that there are many radio amateurss who have made contributions. Our problem is how to draw the line. That is how many awards should we give?

Awards are also promoted by Yasme for contacts with its officials and operations staff. Could you tell us more about this?

This award began while Lloyd and Iris Colvin were travelling. It was their idea, to promote QSOs with them on each of their trips. Now, we travel less than in the past, so it is more difficult to qualify for the award. We have included DXpeditions, which include one or more of our Board members.

Another important branch of your activity is the promotion of amateur radio in underdeveloped Countries. Earlier this year, Yasme assisted twenty-five future Ethiopian radio amateurs in their license test fees. What contribution can amateur radio offer to the development of these countries?

This is a difficult area. Many individuals and groups have found that only a certain class of societies can be helped by the introduction of amateur radio. For the poorer countries, giving equipment to a group or club often results in the sale of the equipment in order to raise money to buy food! It is necessary to have a society that is ready for amateur radio, and it is necessary to have someone – like Sid, ET3AA – on the ground to make sure that a project stays on track. For this reason, we usually reject requests to fund these programs except under very strict conditions.

How do you select and launch these kinds of projects?

Ideas come from various sources, including our own Directors. We do not normally do anything other than read proposals and make funding grants.

What are the main difficulties involved in taking up such challenges and turning such actions into reality?

The main difficulties are having a responsible person on site for an extended period. Some contesters began a program in Ghana many years ago, and it was effective for a long time, but when the principle, on-site sponsor left the country, the program fell apart. That was sad.

How would you judge Yasme's relationship with international radio amateur support entities, like IARU or with national ones such as ARRL?

We do not have any formal connections with IARU or ARRL, although we do have significant connections to various officials from these organizations. We have made grants to ARRL, but little to IARU at present.

Can you remind us of other initiatives other than the Ethiopian one?

We have considered programs in other areas. Some examples: We did fund the rebuilding of the amateur radio station at the university in Bangkok. We also funded travel for beginning contesters to go to WRTC in Brazil in 2006. We have provided funding for various delegates to the WWYC (World Wide Young Contesters) meetings in Europe.

After reading all this, one will probably wonder, "How can I become a supporter of Yasme?"

As I have mentioned, we do not actively solicit funds, and we do not directly support DXpeditioning activities. We do not refuse contributions, of course. We do encourage input from interested ham radio operators concerning worthwhile projects.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

3 December 2011, is International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the IARU Region 1 International Programme for Handicapped Amateurs (IPHA) recommends that Radio Amateurs observe the day to promote Amateur Radio among Disabled persons.

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPwD) was established in 1992 by the United Nations General Assembly to promote awareness of disability issues and the abilities of people with disability. It is observed worldwide on 3 December each year. This year's theme is "Together for a better world for all: Including persons with disabilities in development"

Include: Observance of the Day provides opportunities for participation by IARU Region 1 member Societies to focus on issues related to the inclusion of persons with disabilities in development as Radio Amateurs.

Organize: Hold forums, discussions and information campaigns in support of the theme to find innovative ways and means by which persons with disabilities can become a ham including the arrangements of special programs and licensing mechanism.

Celebrate: Plan or participate in public events to show the contributions made disabled amateurs as agents of change and development in the communities in which they live.

Take Action: A major focus of the Day is practical action to mainstream disability in all aspects of development, as well as to further the participation of persons with disabilities in social life and development based on equality. Highlight progress and obstacles in implementing disability-sensitive amateur related policies, as well as promote public awareness of barriers to the full inclusion of persons with disabilities in their societies.

In case you are planning any event or media releases for the day, contact Riri, OD5RI, IARU R1 IPHA coordinator at ririazrak@gmail.com

United Nations – Enable http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?id=1561

LOTW Experiencing Delays

The ARRL Web page reported on 1 November, "Due to a large number of radio amateurs uploading their logs to Logbook of The World (LoTW) after last weekend's CQ Worldwide SSB Contest, the ARRL's online QSL verification service is experiencing delays. According to ARRL IT Department Manager Michael Keane, K1MK, there is about a 33 hour wait for logs to be processed. 'Logs are processed in the order in which they were received,' he explained. 'If you have uploaded your log to LoTW, your log is currently queued for processing. It has not been lost in the system. Uploading your log multiple times will only further delay your log and those of others to be processed.'"

Then on 4 November, they report: "The log processing delay for Logbook of The World (LoTW) remains at approximately 60 hours, with approximately 8 000 logs queued for processing. PLEASE DO NOT UPLOAD THE SAME LOG MORE THAN ONCE.

According to ARRL IT Manager Michael Keane, K1MK, the League has implemented an interim 'fast lane' for processing logs: 'In order to do this, resources have been shifted from servicing interactive requests to the processing of logs. As a result, LoTW users may notice some sluggish performance. Since these changes have been put into place, the number of logs waiting to be processed has been reduced by approximately 20 percent.

The expectation is that this new measure will continue to make inroads into eliminating the backlog.'"

African DX

Kenya, 5Z. Sig, NV7E/ZS6SIG, who has relocated from Pretoria, South Africa, to Nairobi, Kenya, is signing 5Z4EE for about the next three years. Sig announced this past week that he will once again be in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (24 and 25 March) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Activity outside of the contests will be on all bands 160 - 10 meters. QSL via NV7E or at the address shown for 5Z4EE on QRZ.com.

Ghana, 9G. Mark, W8MP, is an airline pilot who travels periodically to Accra for 1 - 4 days at a time and plans to be active as 9G5MP. He states that the radio and antenna is limited to what he can get in his suitcase, which goes on the flight deck as a carry on and is not checked. Mark is thinking about getting a Yaesu FT-817 or an Icom 7000 and use a dipole.

Operations will be sporadic based on when he has a layover in Ghana, and usually he only knows a day or two in advance. Mark mentions that he is also attempting to set up a permanent station in Accra for any visiting or local ham to use. He states, "It is a distant vision, but it is supported by Mr. Joseph Codjoe, the Chief Manager of Broadcasting at the National Communications Authority. My thanks to Mr. Codjoe for making the license 9G5MP possible." QSL via his home call sign.

Last minute update before going to print: Sunday afternoon, Mark informed OPDX that he is now in Accra and is about to leave in a few hours. He states, "I finally received the hard copy of my license yesterday in person, so I am officially 9G5MP. I tried to borrow a radio from 9G1RQ, but it will not work for this trip. I have not figured out how to pull off actually operating from Ghana due to my severe limitations of only being able to bring things in my 'carry on' suitcase. That is everything I need to operate, as well as my normal airline stuff. It needs to pass through security screening, which leaves out tools or anything odd. And of course, I need to bring a laptop. Easy to run out of room. I am open to any suggestions from you or any readers of the newsletter. I usually sit in Ghana with literally nothing else to do. It would be a privilege to give out 9G in any mode or band possible, given my limitations. Electricity here is 230 v 50 hz with an odd plug, so power is yet another challenge. The six story hotel does not have windows that open (due to mosquitoes and the threat of malaria), but there are some trees near the pool area I can probably sit near. Or I can operate from inside my hotel room. Basic story is 'Have license, can travel, only lacking Small radio or Antenna...' Any thoughts?" If you have any ideas to help Mark, you can E-mail him at w8mp@arrl.net

Ethiopia, ET3. Operators Krassy, K1LZ, David, K3LP, Al, K3VN, and Paul, N6PSE, will be in Addis Ababa between 8 and 13 December and plan to activate the ET3AA club station. The goals of their trip is to install antennas at the Addis Ababa University, administer VE Ham Radio Examinations and the creation of the "University of Addis Ababa - Technology Incubation Program (TIP)". For the complete details, see www.k3lp.com/et3aa_december_2011.htm

The ET3AA DXpedition team's operating goals from the club station are as follows: Krassy, K1LZ, will operate as ET3AA on 80 and 40 metres and David, K3LP, will operate as ET3AA on 160 and 30 metres, during the evening to early morning hours (local time 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM). Operators Al, K3VN, and Paul, N6PSE, will operate during the day and early morning hours on all the other bands using SSB using the ET3SID call sign (from Sid's QTH) and ET3AA from the university's club station.

Morocco, CN. Francois, ON4LO, is working as CN2LO and CN2LO/m on 40 – 10 m between 15 October and 20 December. QSL via ON4LO.

African Islands

Madagascar, 5R. Once again, Eric, F6ICX, will be active as 5R8IC from Sainte-Marie Island (AF-090) from 15 November to 17 December. He will operate mainly CW, with some RTTY, PSK63 and SSB, on 40 - 10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

Ascension Island, ZD8. Tom, K7ZZ, and Al, W6HGF, will be active as ZD8ZZ and ZD8F respectively from Ascension Island (AF-003) on 8 - 22 November. Tom will focus on CW, Al will focus on RTTY and both will operate SSB "when the opportunity arises." They plan to operate two stations, with multiple antennas for 160 - 6 metres. QSL via home calls and LoTW. Further information at www.qsl.net/w6hgf/ZD8F-index.html.

Cape Verde, D4. Luca, IK2NCJ, is expected to be active as D44TAL from Sao Vicente Island (AF-086). Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via IZ4DPV.

Special Event Stations

Indonesia, YB26. Members of the YB Land DX Club (YBDXC) will activate YB26SEAG between 11 and 17 November. Activity is to celebrate the "26th South East Asia Games" (SEAG) which take place from Jakarta - Palembang, between 12 and 22 November. Look for operations to be on all bands and modes. QSL Manager is Hans, YB2DX. QSL direct to: PO BOX 123, PW, 58100, Indonesia.

Switzerland, HB9. Team HB9ON Radio Group is pleased to announce the celebration of the life of Steve Jobs, Apple founder, and will activate HB9STEVE throughout the month of November 2011. Commemoration operations will occur sporadically and will be mostly on CW, but with some SSB. QSL via LoTW and GLOBALQSL or direct to HB9DHG. See details on QRZ.com.

Club News

The Southern African Antique Wireless Association will be having an open day and AGM at the Transvaal Aviation Centre (TAC) at Rand Airport on Saturday 12 November from 10:00 the morning. All interested parties and members are invited to join us for a fun day with Radio displays, flea market, restaurant facilities and Cash Bar.

     Contact Andy, ZS6ADY, at 082 448 4368 or andyzs6ady@vodamail.co.za should you require details or directions.

On 19 November 2011, the Overberg Amateur Radio Club will be having their end of the year function in conjunction with the HF Field Weekend at Stanford, the QTH of John, ZS1DI, and Judy, ZS1JEG. We will also be hosting the Cape Town Branch of the AWA and they will be displaying and operating some of their radios. For those of you with surplus equipment bring it along and we can have a boot-sale. A short meeting will be held at 11:00. The usual bring-and-braai will be held after the meeting and should continue into the evening for those staying over. Please bring some wood if possible, and your braai implements. Braai drums will be available. Visitors are more than welcome. Come and join the fun over the weekend. Contact Andre, ZS1AZ, at 028 514 2018 or 072 729 1680. You can also contact Sam, ZS1OR, at 028 316 1470 or 073 250 0428 for more information and directions.

Dates for the ZS6PTA Flea markets for 2012, which will start 08:00 CAT and which be held at the Pretoria Motor Club site in Silverton Pretoria, are as follows - 3 March 2012, 2 June 2012, 1 September 2012 and 8 December 2012

Interesting interpretation of Q Codes

The photograph was provided by Anette, ZR6D, thanks Anette.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 7 to 14 November 2011.

ARS Spartan Sprint
02:00 - 04:00 UTC 8 November
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Skinny; Tubby
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country and power
Work stations: Once per band
Submit logs by: 10 November 2011
E-mail logs to: spartansprint@yahoo.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://adventure-ra-dio.org/wiki/index.php?title=Spartan_Sprint_Rules

QRP Fox Hunt
02:00 - 03:30 UTC 9 November

Mode: CW
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: Single Op – fox or hound
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 10 November 2011
E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

CWops Mini-CWT Test
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 – 20:00 UTC 9 November and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 10 November

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Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op – QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each call once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 12 November 2011
Post log summary at:
http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.cwops.org/onair.html

RSGB 80 m Club Sprint, SSB
20:00 - 21:30 UTC 9 November
Mode: SSB
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: 100 W; 10 W
Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no and your name
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 16 November 2011
Upload log at:
http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2011/rsprint.shtml

QRP Fox Hunt
02:00 - 03:30 UTC 11 November
Mode: CW
Bands: 40 m Only
Classes: Single Op – fox or hound
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 12 November 2011
E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

NCCC Sprint
03:00 - 04:00 UTC 11 November
Mode: (see rules)
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Exchange: (see rules)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 8 November 2011
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at:
http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html

WAE DX RTTY Contest
00:00 UTC 12 November to 23:59 UTC 13 November
Mode: RTTY
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - high or low; Multi-Op; SWL
Max operating hours: Single Op: 36 hours, off times in 1 to 3 parts; Multi-Single: 48 hours
Max power: HP: >100 Watts; LP: 100 Watts
Exchange: RS and serial no
Work stations: Once per band
Score Calculation: (see rules)
Submit logs by: 28 November 2011
E-mail logs to: waertty@dxhf.darc.de
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/waedc/en/rules/

10-10 International Fall Digital Contest
00:01 UTC 12 November to 23:59 UTC 13 November
Mode: Digital
Bands: 10 m Only

Classes: Individual; Club; QRP

Max power: non-QRP: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: 10-10 Member: Name, 10-10 number and state, province or country; Non-Member: Name, 0 and state, province or country

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with a non-member; 2 points per QSO with a 10-10 member

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 28 November 2011

E-mail logs to:

tentencontest@roadrunner.com

Mail logs to: Dan Morris, KZ3T, 131 Valencia Lane, Statsville, NC 28625, USA

Find rules at:

http://www.ten-ten.org/Forms/QSOPartyRules_082710.pdf

JIDX Phone Contest

07:00 UTC 12 November to 13:00 UTC 13 November

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - low or high; Single Op Single Band - low or high; Multi-Single; Maritime Mobile

Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W

Exchange: JA: RST and Prefecture no; non-JA: RST and CQ Zone no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 2 points per JA-DX QSO on 80 m; 1 points per JA-DX QSO on 40, 20, 15 m; 2 points per JA-DX QSO on 10 m

Multipliers: JA Stations: DXCC countries and CQ zones once per band; non-JA Stations: JA prefectures plus JD1/O, JD1/MT, JD1/OT once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 14 December 2011

E-mail logs to: ph@jidx.org

Mail logs to: JIDX Phone Contest, c/o Five-Nine Magazine, PO Box 59, Kamata, Tokyo 144-8691, Japan

Find rules at:

http://www.jidx.org/jidxrule-e.html

OK/OM DX Contest, CW

12:00 UTC 12 November to 12:00 UTC 13 November

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band – QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band - low or high; Multi-Single; SWL

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: OK/OM: RST and 3-letter district code; non-OK/OM: RST and serial no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: OK/OM-Station: 1 point per QSO with EU station; OK/OM-Station: 3 points per QSO with DX station; EU-Station: 1 point per QSO with OK/OM station; DX-Station: 3 points per QSO with OK/OM station

Multipliers: OK/OM-Station: each prefix once per band; non-OK/OM-Station: each OK/OM district once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 1 December 2011

E-mail logs to: okomdx@crk.cz

Mail logs to: OK-OM DX Contest, CRK, PO Box 69, 113 27 Praha 1, Czech Republic

Find rules at: http://okomdx.crk.cz/g.html

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13:00 -4:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 12 November and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 13 November

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op – QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 15 November 2011

Post log summary at:
http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.cwops.org/onair.html

Kentucky QSO Party
14:00 UTC 12 November to 02:00 UTC 13 November
Mode: CW, SSB, Digital
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: KY Fixed – CW, phone, digital or mixed; KY Rover – CW, phone or mixed; Out of State
Exchange: KY: RS(T) and county; non-KY: RS(T) and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band per mode per county
QSO Points: 1 point per SSB QSO; 2 points per CW QSO; 2 points per Digital QSO
Bonus Points: 500 points for at least one QSO with KY4DXA; 1000 points for each county activated beyond home county (minimum 10 QSOs/county)
Multipliers: KY Stations: Each KY county, state, province once; non-KY Stations: Each KY county once
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
Submit logs by: 31 December 2011
E-mail logs to: k4cms@aol.com
Mail logs to: Western Kentucky DX Association, PO Box 73, Alvaton, KY 42122, USA
Find rules at:
http://www.wkdxa.com/mainsite/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=45:wkdxa&catid=1:latest-news&Itemid=63

CQ-WE Contest
19:00 - 23:00 UTC 12 November – CW and digital, 01:00 - 05:00 UTC 13 November - phone, 19:00 - 23:00 UTC 13 November - phone and 01:00 - 05:00 UTC 14 November – CW and digital
Mode: CW, Phone, Digital
Bands: All, except WARC
Classes: Single Op
Exchange: Name and location code (see rules) and Years of Service (see rules)

Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: Points equal to years of service received in exchange for each QSO
Multipliers: Each location code once per mode
Score Calculation: Total score = sum of (total QSO points x total mults) for each mode
Submit logs by: 1 December 2011
E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (see rules)
Find rules at:
http://cqwe.cboh.org/rules.html

SKCC Weekend Sprint
00:00 – 24:00 UTC 13 November
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: (none)
Exchange: RST, name, state, province or country and SKCC no or "NONE"
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Bonus Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: Each state, province or country once
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
Submit logs by: 18 November 2011
Post log summary at:
http://wes.m0trn.com/submission.php
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/wes/index-wes.html

NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint
18:00 - 20:00 UTC 14 November
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: Single Op
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, country and NAQCC no or power
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member
Multipliers: Each country in Europe; First country in each continent worked other than Europe

Key Type Mult: 2 x if straight key, 1,5 x if bug, 1 x if other

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult

Submit logs by: 20:00 UTC 17 November 2011

E-mail logs to: submitlog@naqcc-eu.org

Upload log at:

http://www.naqcc-eu.org/autologger/

Mail logs to: M Ireland, MW3YMY, Pen-y-Gadlas, Ffordd Bryniau, Meliden, Prestatyn, Denbighshire LL19 8RD, UK

Find rules at:

http://naqcc-eu.org/SprintHelp/SprintRules.pdf

Next Week's Contests

QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 16 November

NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint, 01:30 - 03:30 UTC 17 November

QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 UTC-03:30 UTC 18 November

YO International PSK31 Contest, 16:00 UTC-22:00 UTC 18 November

SARL Field Day Contest, 1000 UTC 19 November to 1000 UTC 20 November

LZ DX Contest, 12:00 UTC 19 November to 12:00 UTC 20 November

Feld Hell Sprint, 16:00 – 18:00 UTC 19 November

All Austrian 160-Meter Contest, 16:00 UTC 19 November to 0700Z 20 November

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB, 21:00 UTC 19 November to 03:00 UTC 21 November

RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW, 21:00 UTC 19 November to 01:00 UTC 20 November

NA Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB, 21:00 UTC 19 November to 03:00 UTC 21 November

EPC PSK63 QSO Party, 00:00 – 24:00 UTC 20 November

Homebrew and Oldtime Equipment Party, 13:00 – 15:00 UTC 20 November (40 m) 15:00 – 17:00 UTC 20 November (80 m)

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, 02:00 UTC-04:00 UTC 21 November

History This Week

A look back at events that made history this week - compiled by the Summerland Amateur Radio Club of Lismore, NSW and Dennis, ZS4BS. The week starting Monday 7 November 2011.

1519 – First meeting of Montezuma and Hernando Cortez in Mexico (8 Nov)

1793 – The Louvre opens in Paris (8 Nov)

1851 – Alvan Clark patents the telescope (11 Nov); Telegraph connection between London and Paris established (13 Nov)

1871 – Stanley presumes to meet Livingstone at Ujiji in Central Africa (10 Nov)

1885 – Gottlieb Daimler's motorcycle, the first in the world, is unveiled (10 Nov)

1895 – Wilhelm Roentgen of Germany discovers X-rays (8 Nov)

1899 – Attack by Boer forces on Ladysmith, Natal during the Anglo Boer War (8 Nov)

1918 – The Armistice is signed ending the First World War and comes into effect at 11:00 on 11 Nov

1923 – The Eternal Flame is lit for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arc de Triumph, Paris (11 Nov)

1925 – Robert Millikan announces the discovery of cosmic rays (11 Nov)

1937 – Messerschmidt ME-109 V13 flies at a world record speed of 610,4 kph

1967 – SST prototype "Concorde" first shown on France (12 Nov)

1968 – Apollo 7 makes 163 orbits in 260 hours (10 Nov)

1969 – Soyuz 6 launched, Soyuz 7 and 8 followed in the next 2 days (10 Nov)

1980 – Cosmonauts Popov and Rymumin set a space endurance record of 184 days (10 Nov)

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Birthdays for the week

Dame Joan Sutherland 7 Nov 1926
Madame Maria Curie 7 Nov 1867
Tom Fogerty 9 Nov 1941
Martin Luther 10 Nov 1483
Grace Kelly 12 Nov 1929
Nadia Comaneci 12 Nov 1961
Robert Louis Stevenson, 13 Nov 1850

Leon Trotsky 7 Nov 1879
Billy Graham 7 Nov 1918
Tim Rice 10 Nov 1944
Gen George Patton 11 Nov 1885
Auguste Rodin, 12 Nov 1840
Whoopi Goldberg 13 Nov 1955

DX Code of Conduct

I will listen, and listen, and then listen again before calling.
I will only call if I can copy the DX station properly.
I will not trust the DX cluster and will be sure of the DX station's call sign before calling.
I will not interfere with the DX station or anyone calling and will never tune up on the DX frequency or in the QSX slot.
I will wait for the DX station to end a contact before I call.
I will always send my full call sign.
I will call and then listen for a reasonable interval. I will not call continuously.
I will not transmit when the DX operator calls another call sign, not mine.
I will not transmit when the DX operator queries a call sign not like mine.
I will not transmit when the DX station requests geographic areas other than mine.
When the DX operator calls me, I will not repeat my call sign unless I think he has copied it incorrectly.
I will be thankful if and when I do make a contact.
I will respect my fellow radio amateurs and conduct myself so as to earn their respect.

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SARL News

Time (UTC / CAT)	Freq (kHz)		Target Area	Language
06:15 / 08:15 *	7 066 /7 098	From Pretoria /	Southern Africa	Afrikaans
06:30 / 08:30 *	7 066 / 7 098	Port Elizabeth	Southern Africa	English
	Various 2 metre and 70 cm repeaters and Echolink country wide			

Amateur Radio Today

Time (UTC / CAT)	Freq (kHz)		Target Area	Language
08:00 – 09:00 /	7 082	From Durban	Southern Africa	English
10:00 – 11:00 *	Various 2 metre and 70 cm repeaters and Echolink country wide			

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Amateur Radio Today shortwave broadcast information.

Time (UTC / CAT)	Freq (kHz)	Tx kW	Target Area	Language
08:00 – 09:00 /	7 205	100	Southern Africa	English
10:00 - 11:00 *	17 760	250	East Africa	English
16:30 – 17:30 /	3 230	100	Southern Africa	English
18:30 – 19:30 **				

* Sunday ** Monday

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